Garden Talk

By Appomattox Garden Club

Today we will talk about Daffodils, and there is no flower nicer to talk about. All winter we get a pleasant thrill thinking of the coming of spring. And when the first brave green blades of the early Daffodils peep through the frozen topsoil we know spring is practically here. Soon the spring sunshine will be reflected by the dauntless, clean faces of thousands of Daffodils, dancing in the March winds. No other flower in the world is quite so universally and definitely associated with any one season, for it is a perfect symbol of that time of year when all hearts feel the upsurge of new hopes and ambitions. Just as surely as there'll always be another spring, there will always be "hosts of garden Daffodils."

Whatever the weather, soil conditions, bug and germ manifestations, if you plant daffodil bulbs in the fall you will have Daffodils blooming in the spring. And the next spring, and the next. They will multiply rapidly and by adding a few new bulbs each fall for variety and to introduce new blossoms to your border or garden.

It would take several volumes to tell all about the wide range of types to be found in the Narcissus species, but we shall talk about the most popular types for our region, and discuss their planting and habits. We need to know something of their wide range in color, and what types to plant in order to have six or more weeks of bloom instead of the two or three weeks we shall have if we do no planning. They are faded and gone too soon at best.

We need to know what types suit our purposes in planting. In addition to differences in season of bloom, there are differences in size, height, and general habit of growth that are all important when it comes to placing daffodils about your garden. The Giant Trumpet that makes such a bold display in the mixed border would be entirely out of character and out of scale in the rock garden, or in an intimate sheltered little nook near a pool or some such place. In height daffodils range from 6 or 8 inches, or several of the species to the 18-inch stems of the new Trumpets and Large-cups; and flowers vary from thimble size, singly or in clusters, to blooms 5 or 6 inches in diameter. With a fairly definite picture in mind of the effects you want to secure, select such varieties as will help you "paint your picture."

Daffodils have long suffered the fate of all "easy" plants. They will survive and reward with so little care—or even under such extreme neglect—that in many instances once planted, they are left to shift for themselves like Iris, Phlox, Daylilies, etc. As we said, they will bloom with little attention, but with a little love and devotion, they will pay bigger dividends, in blossoms and new bulbs.

Let's start with selection of bulbs. These should be plump, solid and heavy, for each bulb has within it, completely formed, the flower or flowers which will appear in the following spring.

The preparation of the soil for daffodils is much the same as for other annuals, with one exception. Never use stable manure unless it is thoroughly decomposed into black dirt! Never let new stable manure come into direct contact with dormant bulbs, and never use it as a mulch over bulbous plants! Also remember not to make the soil too rich—you will have much foliage and few well-formed blossoms. Have the soil loose by spading into it compost, peat moss, or "black" barn dirt." Work the plant food in deep so the roots ian readily get nourishment.

Daffodil bolbs should be planted early—the earlier the better —after the bulbs are procured. If planted early, they will develop a firf root system first, and be prepared to send up rich foliage and sturdy stems in the spring. They may be planted as late as December and bloom, but if you should plant half the bulbs, of the same variety, in September and the other half in December, you could readily see the contrast in development. Plant the bulbs so that 4 or 5 inches of soil will cover the shoulder of the bulb. If the soil is sandy, they may be planted an inch or two deeper. It is better to plant them too deep than too shallow. Keep the soil loose for a depth of one or two inches after planting. If a mulch is used, have it light, as peat moss, pine needles, or short evergreen boughs, applied after the first freeze .

Before the growth starts in the spring, remove the mulch, give the bed a shallow cultivation, and apply fertilizer containing plenty of available nitrogen. Apply according to directions on the package. Be sure to apply early—if you wait until buds appear, you will have soft flowers and droopy foliage.

After flowering, leave foliage until it dries, and apply a second application of fertilizer.

If you desire to transplant, or lift to divide, you may do this when the blooming has ceased and permit the bulbs to continue growth in their new environment, or you may wait until the tops dry. Unless there is some special reason for keeping the bulbs in summer storage, it is best to replant them at once.

Read the bulb catalogues for beautiful names and dates of blooming. Also note colors and sizes. Plant with your mental picture and garden plan clear, and when spring comes, invite the Appomattox Garden Club to visit you.

Their exclamations and [illegible] will give you an added lift [illegible]

Albert Woolson, the last surviving member of the Union Army in the Civil War, died in [illegible] Minn., at the age of 109.

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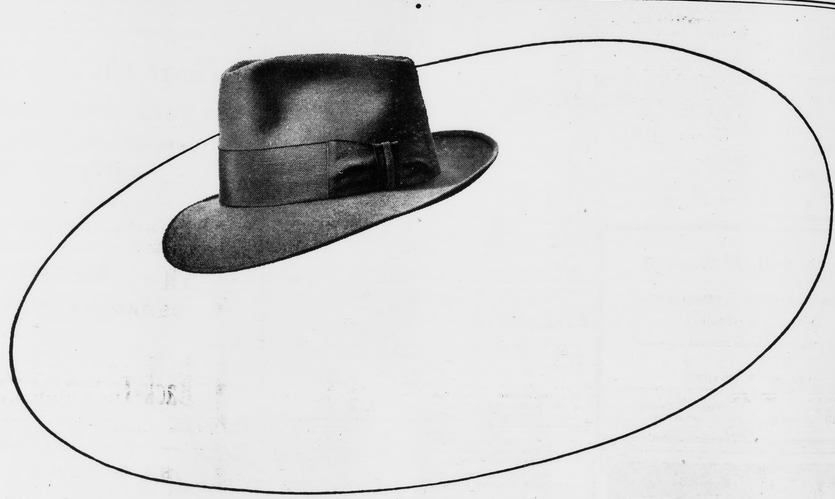

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This nation remains free by electing to office men and women who manage its affairs — tens of thousands of them, from village constables to the President of the United States. They are our elected representatives.

But before we can have elected representatives, we have to have candidates. We have to have people willing to toss their hats in the ring.

Suppose there should suddenly become a "shortage" of candidates?

Suppose competent men and women should simply decide, as most of us do, to "let George do it"?

It's not easy to run for office, you know. It wearies the body, tires the mind, and bruises human feelings. It rips away the privacy most of us enjoy in our lives, and puts a man under a glaring spotlight. It takes time, and it costs money. Defeat frequently leaves a scar. Victory is a triumph, but it's the beginning of a hard grind, too, and one which often gives far less reward than could be earned in private business.

Under *The American Way*, there is a never-ending need for public officials with intelligence, integrity and devotion to duty. That's what the people seek in a candidate . . . and why. So long as candidates with integrity come before us, with an honest desire to be of service, those candidates are deserving of the highest respect and support.

This year, when the last vote is counted, may the best man win — *hats off to every honest and honorable man who puts his hat in the ring!*

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CHURCH NEWS

Memorial Methodist Church
Rev. Lee H. Richcreek, Pastor
9:30 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
Sermon subject: "Faith's Vision."
8:00 P. M. Evening Worship.
Mr. Walter Henry will conduct this service.

Old Concord Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Aichel, Pastor
9:30 A. M. Worship Service.
Sermon topic: The Command To Evangelize. Matt. 28:1 and 2.
10:30 A. M. Sunday School.

Appomattox Methodist Circuit
Aaron D. Smith, Pastor
10 A. M.- Bethel.
"The Marks of Jesus."
11:15 A. M.- Trinity.
Communion Service.

Bible Baptist Church
Rev. Randolph Hite, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Sermon by pastor.
Young Peoples' Meeting, 7 P. M.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Service, Wed., 7:30 P. M.

Liberty Baptist Church
Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U., 6:45.
Evening Service, 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday at 7:30.
Nursery open for infants through three years of age.

Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church
Clyde Shelton, Pastor
10:00 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
Sermon by Pastor.
7:00 P. M. Youth Service, conducted by the youth.
7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service.
7:30 P. M., Wednesday,- Prayer Service, Bible Study.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
(13th Sunday after Trinity)
11 A. M. Holy Communion.
Venerable Norman E. Taylor, Celebrant.

Following this service, the ninth anniversary of St. Ann's in Appomattox will be observed with the Frank Mabely's with a picnic lunch on their farm.

Health and Beauty

For the promotion of health, one should take systematic daily exercise. Walking in the fresh air improves the lung capacity and increases the peristitic movements of the intestines, which helps to overcome constipation. When walking chest should be held well up to facilitate deep breathing.

Round shoulders and flat chests are ugly and ungainly. They not only make an unpleasant impression on beholders, but they are productive of disease. This posture cramps the lungs and prevents proper breathing.

A noted physician says that "a round shouldered person is one who is carrying his chest behind instead of in front of him." He says furth[illegible] that "this deformity not only gives a person a weak and ungraceful appearance, but lessens the breathing capacity and leads to inactivity of the upper part of the lungs, thus inviting tuberculosis and other diseases, which arise from the lodgment of germs in the inactive and weakened portions of the lung tissues."

Sitting in a slumped, relaxed position with the chest flat, the shoulders hunched, is conductive to congestion in the abdominal region. The relaxing of the abdominal muscles due to the bad posture described above tends to cause prolapse of all the viscera including the liver, kidneys and stomach.

When one sits erect, the chest is elevated, the abdominal muscles are tense and hold the organs in their proper position, allowing free circulation of blood through the body.

Bad habits, in sitting, standing and walking cause congestions which bring on diseases of various sorts and are productive of headaches, backaches and other distressing symptoms. Improper posture is conductive to indigestion as well as other bodily ills. Many ailments from which so many suffer would vanish if they discontinued their bad habits of carrying their lungs in the back instead of in front, raised their chests and kept their spines straight.

Sometimes girls who are tall form the habit of stooping, because they fancy they will look shorter. They only succeed in completely ruining their figures.

A graceful girl who is tall has quite the advantage over the short ones. Tennyson speaks of "a daughter of the gods, divinely tall and most divinely fair."

Parents and teachers should not permit children to form the habit of slumping and slouching about with their chests caved in, their stomachs stuck out and their backs humped. This is of the greatest importance, not only from an aesthetic standpoint, but for reasons of health.

When sitting in a chair, do not lie down, sit erect. Bad positions in sitting and standing are productive of weak muscles and misplaced organs.

It requires will power to correct bad habits of posture. Don't say to children: "Hold your shoulders back," instruct them to raise the chest, and put it forward. When that is done the shoulders fall into the proper position.

Practice a good poise; it will give you improved looks, health as well as a graceful carriage.

In order to get the correct standing position, stand against the wall, put the heels, hips, shoulders and back of the head firmly against the wall. Bend the head backward as far as you can while keeping in contact with the wall. Permit the chest to move forward, raise your head and walk off. Your body falls into the correct position. The abdomen will be held in, the hips back, the chest up — this is the position of well-trained military men.

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DEATHS

MR. NORMAN C. BOOKER

Norman Courtney Booker, 59, died at his home in Pamplin August 21.

A native of Prince Edward County, he was born Jan. 27, 1897, a son of the late George and Sallie Love Booker. He was a retired farmer. Mr. Booker was a member of Pamplin Masonic Lodge No.191, and of the Spring Creek Baptist Church, Darlington Heights.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ella Booker Binford, of Pamplin; and Miss Mary Elizabeth Booker, of Washington, D. C.; three brothers, W. W., R. E. and G. W. Booker, all of Pamplin.

Funeral services will be held at Spring Creek Church at 11 A. M. today, with burial in the church cemetery.

World Relations

Six cents out of every tax dollar now go for foreign aid—about $105 a year for the average family. All told, since World War II, Congress has obligated taxpayers for $60 billion in foreign aid, or enough money to pave a 2-lane highway from New York to San Francisco with $10 bills.

—Town Journal.

Some of our June brides are now belgnning to wonder whether that big church wedding, with its attendant costs, was such a wonderful idea.

Appomattox County school will open on September 6.

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News Around Town

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

I liked this one:

At a Boy Scout camp, the program covered the usual assortment of Scouting activities, plus lectures of one kind and another. A rather ancient gent was on hand to give lectures on good health.

One day his talk was on the care of teeth. "All teeth will remain good if properly cared for," he said.

"Take me, for instance. Now I avoid excessively hot drinks, too many sweets and I always brush my teeth carefully morning and evening." He paused for dramatic effect. "And that's all I do," he concluded, "except that I put them in a glass of soft water every night."

—Quote.

We had a card this week from Mrs. D. W. Ashing (nee Ruby Lee Hudgins) mailed from Manila, saying they made the trip there by plane from Formosa. Also that she had been keeping up with Appomattox news from the Times-Virginian she had been receiving. Since then, Mr. and Mrs. Ashing and their daughter, Marcia Lee, who have been in Formosa for the past two years, have arrived in Oakland, California, where they will spend four weeks. Mr. Ashing is with the Navy Department, and will attend a study course before coming East.

Paul Cawthorn, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Wesley Wooldridge, of Crewe, will leave tomorrow for Tampa, Florida, where they will visit their sister, Mrs. Pannie Torrence. Mrs. Torrence is recovering from a recent illness. We wish her a speedy recovtry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt P. Hamilton won a trip to Miami, Florida, for a week. They left today and will return on August 29. Mr. Hamilton was awarded the trip by Peoples Life.

Don't forget to attend the All-Star Softball Game which will be played tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Town Park. The sponsor — the Jaycees.

Item of interest: There are six players on the Lynchburg Foundry ball team in the Lynchburg City League who used to play with the Lee Theatre baseball team in the Skyline League! They are - Dave Cyrus, pitcher; "Click" McKenna, right field; Ed Cawthorne, 2nd base; Harry Tucker, left field; Jim Cobb, first base, and Earl Wade, shortstop.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Christopher are occupying Miss Hilda Cabiniss' home. Mr. Christopher is the new principal of the Appomattox High School, and comes here from Stanfield, N. C., where he served as principal of the Stanfield-Locust High School and Elementary School. We welcome the Christophers to Appomattox!

Father Darkleaf and I had a card the first of the week from Mayor and Mrs. Richard D. Robinson. It was mailed at Denver, Colorado. The Robinsons, who have been on vacation, will return to Appomattox this week.

Mrs. Pete Doss and son, Lynn, and Mrs. John Oxford will leave Friday for Washington, D. C., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell and daughter, Shelia, and Mrs. Blanche Stiles.

R. B. Hudgins left yesterday to attend the meeting of the Association of Virginia County Agents at Blacksburg. This was the 32nd consecutive annual meeting of this group attended by Mr. Hudgins, retired Appomattox County Agent. He also attended the meeting of Epsilon Sigma Phi fraternity.

What is the busiest 15 minutes of the day in Appomattox? I would certainly say around 6:45 each morning. That's when the streets and all incoming roads are blocked with people on the way to begin the day's work at our big pay-roll industries. There is traffic in every block in every direction. Later on, at around 3:45 P. M., there is another surge of activity, as the fine folks get off work, and crowd down town for a bit of shopping before going home. And lots of others who do not work in the factories are about in all this stir, too. We usually are en route to work during the morning rush, but miss the one in the afternoon. Point: Those who don't open up before 8 or 9 in the morning, miss a lot of activity.

News reporters are always happy when schools reopen. Many organizations slow down or discontinue all activity during the summer months and we have a difficult time finding too much newsworthy material some summer weeks. But come the first cool breezes of fall, and the reopening of schools, everything seems to take on new life, and it is much easier to round up "news around town." The main thing to report some weeks in the summer is the lists of those on vacation and where they went. That is good, for more and more, vacations are assuming a top ranking in the year's plans for most families. Anyway, now that the fall season is getting nearer, we invite all clubs and organizations to see that their reporters contact us so that we might present a full account of their programs.

Sorry we had to be out of town last Saturday and missed the lawn party held on the school grounds by ladies of the Methodist Church. We understand that it was a most successful occasion, and that the food was wonderful.

This week the Town opened up a new street, running westward from Church Street in the neighborhood of Mrs. Don Moses. What shall we name this new street?

At a roadside stand last weekend, we purchased what to us was a new type watermelon. It is round and reasonably small and fits nicely into a refrigerator.

Sign in a bus: Anyone carrying more than one watermelon will be required to pay double fare!

Colonel.- So you lost half of your forces by a trick of the enemy?

Captain.- Yes. They rigged up a machine gun to look like a movie camera, and the boys just fought for a chance to get in front of it.

About The Home

Every year millions of people suffer with the itching, swelling and blisters of poison. There have even been cases where, when left untreated, the victim has suffered prostration and death. The poison oak of the Pacific States has similar effects.

There are many different cures but none of them are completely satisfactory. The best policy is prevention. The first step in this direction is knowing poison ivy when you see it. (I know of several cases where a poison ivy vine was being cultivated in a garden.)

Poison ivy can grow as a vine for ground cover or as a shrub. When the bush or vine becomes well established, it may grow stiff branches, four or five feet long. The three-parted leaves are perhaps the surest way to identify it.

When poison ivy climbs a tree, it usually develops a rope-like stem covered with rootlets. It will often be too large to put your hand around — a thing you certainly would not want to do, as the rootlets can poison you the same as the foliage.

There are a number of ways to identify poison ivy.

Three leaves, a high sheen with small variation in the edges is a start. Learn how the leaves darken through the season.

This is most important as there are numbers of non-poison vines similar in appearance to poison ivy but they keep their same shade of green coloring through the season.

It's rather unusual that the weather is hot enough to keep a man from church on Sunday, but not hot enough to interfere with a game of golf or a fishing trip.

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